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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-5, 19-22 and 24.

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Listing of Claims:

Claim 6 (amended) A method comprising

positioning a first tray cart containing trays at the proximate end of a scanning device through which objects may be passed, wherein said scanning device comprises a proximate end and a distal end,

removing a tray from said first tray cart,

passing said tray through said scanning device from said proximate end through to said distal end,

providing a second tray cart at said distal end of said scanning device,

receiving said tray passed through said scanning device in said second tray cart, and

moving said second cart to said proximate end of said scanning device so that said trays in said second cart can be passed through said scanning device at said proximate end.

Claim 7 (original) The method of claim 6, wherein said scanning device comprises a device selected from the group consisting of a manual inspection station, an x-ray machine, a conveyor belt, and a particulate matter sensor.

Claim 8 (original) The method of claim 6, wherein a plurality of said trays comprises nestable trays.

Claim 9 (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said nestable trays further comprise exposed sides capable of displaying advertising.

Claim 10 (original) The method of claim 6, wherein one or more of said tray carts is adapted to permit substantial visual inspection of a plurality of trays placed thereon.

Claim 11 (original) The method of claim 6, wherein said tray carts are adapted to be rollable.

Claim 12 (original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of repositioning said second tray cart from said distal end to said proximate end.

Claim 13 (original) The method of claim 6, wherein a plurality of said trays are adapted to receive an item selected from the group consisting of a laptop computer, a video camera, a camera, a purse, a coat, a pair shoes, and an umbrella.

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Claim 14 (original) The method of claim 6, wherein a plurality of said trays are adapted to receive an item selected from the group consisting of a cell phone, a pager, a wallet, a set of keys, and a personal digital assistant.

Claim 15 (original) The method of claim 6, wherein one or more of said tray carts comprises restraining walls that are substantially transparent.

Claim 16 (original) The method of claim 6, wherein one or more of said tray carts comprises a tray platform further comprising a resilient member.

Claim 17 (original). The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of providing a third tray cart.

Claim 18 (original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of substituting a third tray cart containing a plurality of trays for said first tray cart.

Claim 25 (original) The method of claim 6, wherein said plurality of said trays are adapted to display a tag number.

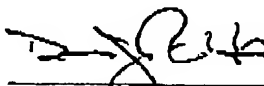
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Claims 1-5, 19-22 and 24, have been cancelled and claim 6 amended, without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter thereof.

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